

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S15**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Senator McConnell	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	16-3-1515
SUBJECT:	Victim Notification		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed legislation amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, so that a victim must provide his name and other pertinent information to the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. Also, within the proposed legislation, the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs would be required to notify the victim of any hearing involving the perpetrator.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Mental Health

The Department anticipates a cost to the General Fund of the State with the passage of the proposed legislation. It is expected that the extra duties involved in notifying victims would create a full workload for at least two administrative coordinators. The minimum pay for an administrative coordinator is \$26,378. Fringe benefits for one new administrative coordinator is estimated at \$9,153. Total cost for two additional administrative coordinators is estimated at \$71,062 (26,378 + 9,153 x 2). It is unlikely that there would be any significant increase in other operating expenses based on the work generated.

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

The Department anticipates no cost to the General Fund of the State with the passage of the proposed legislation.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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